ARE YOU CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED?

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW EXPERIENCED PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT?

A state task force designed to get at the root causes of high unemployment rates among certain populations and to recommend public policies to improve employment outcomes would like to hear your struggles and successes during a public hearing.

WHAT: A public hearing to discuss high unemployment rates

WHO: A state task force formed by Governor Charlie Baker

WHEN: Tuesday, October 6th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740

While the state unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Persons with Disabilities, Native Americans, and recently-returned Veterans, continue to experience high unemployment rates, ranging from 7 to 12 percent.

Earlier this year, Governor Charlie Baker created a task force to look at the reasons for the higher unemployment rates among these groups, and find ways to solve the problem.

Labor and Workforce Development Secretary, Ronald L. Walker, II is leading the task force to improve economic opportunities for these populations, and will advise the Governor.

The final public hearing will be held during October in Boston.

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